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ON THE TASK OF NINTH PLENUM SPEECH OF ROMAN NOWAK PARTY ORGANIZATIONS IN OPOLE WOJEWODZTWO, POLAND

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The resolutions of the Ninth Plenum of our party will be of great interest to Opole Wojewodztwo, especially the provisions relating to aid for the Western Territories. These resolutions have a political as well as economic significance. They are a blow to Adenauer's revisionists in their efforts to carry on criminal or offensive activities in our western lands, especially in Opole Wojewodztwo. State aid for this area is just another proof of the inviolable unity between these lands and the mother country.

The aid given to the peasant farms in Opole will unite the local populace more closely to the people's authority and increase their confidence. We have had complaints from people in our wojewodztwo about the inadequate aid and the lack of building materials.

The task of our party and the party administration as provided in the Ninth Plenum resolutions is to mobilize the masses in the drive to increase agricultural production. The disproportion in the production level of individual peasant farms is a great problem. Many farms achieve much higher yields than the average for the wojewodztwo, and again many achieve much lower than average yields. This disparity means that we can achieve better average yields with the same amount of fertilizer and the same soil conditions.

It is up to the party administration of Opole Wojewodztwo and the whole party organization, but especially the state and economic echelons, to eliminate these disproportions in production in such a way as to raise the work methods of the retarded farms.

Another problem is the variable quality of production in hog deliveries, both in lard hogs and porkers. We must combat these tendencies. We must convince the peasant that he must deliver only the best products for the city. In my opinion we have not given this problem adequate attention. We must also aid the peasants in the development of livestock production. We must provide adequate aid for farms raising pedigreed bulls and boars.

It is the responsibility of the entire party organization to see that the guiding principles of the plenum are realized and not just "passed along." In many instances we have made the mistake of passing along the resolutions of the plenum or the party administration to wojewodztwo and powiat echelons and then forgetting about them. These resolutions are then passed along again, instead of being worked out, studied, and absorbed by every party member. This attitude does not produce effective results.



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In carrying out the resolutions of the Ninth Plenum, especially in the rural areas, we will have to study them in our primary organizations and make them clearly understandable to every party member. He must not only understand them but lead in implementing them. He must set an example for the entire village.

The rural party organizations are not expanding adequately in Opole Wojewodztwo. In our wojewodztwo also there are villages without a primary party

It is characteristic of our wojewodztwo that there are party members working in industry who live in the majority of these villages. We must activate these party members to carry on party work in the village in which they live. Although we have had some success in this field, it is far from satisfactory. It is very important for our wojewodztwo that the party work among these workers-farmers be intensified.



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